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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Self-Cleaning Apparatus for Material Transfer, Collection and Disposal**  
Inventor: Nicholas J. Berg  
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Sir:

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1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 11, 2005, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-14. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees

required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.  
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